



July 8, 2003

Ms. Jodel Petroni
BSW, Inc.
207 South Montana Street
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Jodel:

It is with great pride that I send my personal congratulations to everyone involved with BSW, Inc. — you really are “building self-worth” in people with disabilities!

What a great day for the city of Butte. This special place in Montana continues to be a shining star. In good times or bad, the people of Butte are strong, they are loyal, and they truly care.

To have finished first in the nation as the *Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program Contractor of the Year* is no small feat. I commend everyone who has continued to champion the idea that a good day's work instills not only personal pride but also a sense of community and belonging.

People with severe disabilities have to overcome extraordinary challenges every day. They have proven to themselves and the nation that their contributions can and should not be ignored. They should be celebrated as we are doing today.

I am also proud of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Forest Service for their efforts with this program. Federal employees across our great nation are reaching out, providing employment, and helping those in need. I would like to say a special thank you to Ms. Fawn McKenzie with the Forest Service in Butte. She, too, has been a champion in this effort and is being recognized today.

Again, congratulations to everyone involved. Phyllis and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

May God bless BSW, Butte, and continue to bless America!

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Conrad Burns".

Conrad Burns
United States Senator